



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of

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**AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 116**

Responsive to the Office Action dated March 26, 2004, entry and consideration  
of the following amendments and remarks are requested.



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**RESPONSE/AMENDMENT/LETTER**

This is a response/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes an attachment which is hereby incorporated by reference and the signature below serves as the signature to the attachment in the absence of any other signature thereon.

☐ **Correspondence Address Indication Form Attached.****Fees are attached as calculated below:**

Total effective claims after amendment	33	minus highest number			
previously paid for	40	(at least 20) =	0	x	\$ 18.00
					\$ 0.00

Independent claims after amendment	10	minus highest number			
previously paid for	11	(at least 3) =	0	x	\$ 86.00
					\$ 0.00

If proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time, add \$290.00 (ignore improper)	\$ 0.00
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☐ Applicant claims "small entity" status. ☐ Statement filed herewith

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